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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA BREAKS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

SUMMARY: KOREANS DELIGHTED AT ARGENTINA BREAK OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREANS; REQUEST ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION. END SUMMARY

1. MOFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT JUNE 14 ARGENTINA
BREAK OF DIPLOMATIC REALATIONS WITH NORHT KOREA FOLLOWING
DPRK DIPLOMATS' IGNOMINIOUS DEPARTURE FROM ARGENTINA A WEEK
EARLIER. IN JUNE 15 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, HWANG
YONG-CHAE, CHIEF OF MOFA CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA DIVISION,
INTERPRETED EVENT AS ENCOURAGING RESULT OF EXTENSIVE
ROKG DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN BUENOS AIRES, AND STATED GOA HAD
INFORMALLY NOTIFIED KOREANS IN ADVANCE OF OFFICIAL
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ANNOUNCEMENT. HWANG SAID HE BELIEVES BREAK MAY HAVE
RESULTED FROM LONG-STANDING FRICTION BETWEEN GOA AND NORTH
KOREANS OVER NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL ANDPROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES;
ANTAGONISM WAS EXACERBATED MOST RECENTLY BY NORTH KOREANS'
REFUSAL TO ALLOW GAO INVESTIGATION OF FIRE IN DPRK EMBASSY
OR TO PAY FOR RELATED DAMAGES TO ARGENTINIAN PROPERTY.

2. HWANG SPECULATED ARGENTINIAN ACTION MAY ENCOURAGE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO HASTEN ITS ANTICIPATED PLANS TO WITHDRAW DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS FROM NORTH KOREAN COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN LIMA. MOFA HAS BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME GOP CONTEMPLATED SUCH ACTION BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREAN RELUCTANCE TO IMPORT MINERALS FROM PERU.

3. ACTION: HWANG ASKED EMBOFF FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ARGENTINA BREAK IN RELATIONS WHICH MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO EVALUATION GOA ACTIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES CAN PROVIDE.

4. COMMENT: ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT IS SECOND IN A WEEK (FOLLOWING MAURITANIA) TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH DPRK. WE EXPECT DETERIORATION NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC FORTUNES WILL FURTHER DISCOURAGE DPRK OFFENSIVE AT 32ND UNGA AND IF THERE ARE FURTHER SETBACKS LONG TERM EFFECTS COULD BE EVEN MORE PROFOUND.
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